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Kernan Announces Infrastructure Grant to Support Forest River, Inc.'s Expansion in Elkhart County

INDIANAPOLIS — Lt. Governor Joe Kernan announced today that Elkhart County has received \$150,000 from the Indiana Department of Commerce's Industrial Development Grant Fund to support Forest River, Inc.'s expansion.

A leading producer of recreational vehicles, pontoon boats, cargo trailers, buses and handicapped vehicles, the company will add 116 new employees and invest \$3.98 million in the purchase of land, the construction of three new manufacturing facilities and upgrading equipment.

"The growth of Forest River's business in recent years speaks volumes about the quality of its products and service," said Kernan, who leads the state's economic development efforts. "We are proud to support the company's expansion and the creation of good Hoosier jobs by providing this grant."

Using the Commerce grant, Elkhart County will extend Century Road 500 feet and add 600 feet of water main, as well as install a lift station with manholes and a force main to support Forest River's growth.

The Indiana Department of Commerce awards IDGF grants to municipalities that undertake infrastructure projects in support of new business development. The grants help defray the costs associated with the expansion of an existing company or the location of a new manufacturing facility.

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